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USIAEA, ASUNCION FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, TECH, PE

SUBJECT: US FUEL FOR ARGENTINE LOAN OF REACTOR TO PERU

REF: (A) LIMA 10358 (NOTAL); (B) VIENNA 0439 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY MAY ADVISE GENERAL BARREDA THAT WE ARE IN
FINAL STAGES OF REVIEWING A DRAFT QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT
TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF US-ORIGIN FUEL FROM ARGENTINA TO
PERU TO BE USED IN THE ZERO-POWER RESEARCH REACTOR. WE
EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A DRAFT AGREEMENT TO ALL
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PARTIES VERY SOON WHICH WILL THEN PERMIT US TO AUTHORIZE
OUR MISSION TO IAEA TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS STILL POINT-
ING TOWARD CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR ITS CON-
SIDERATION BY THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN FEBRUARY.

2. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE POINT
MADE IN ORIGINAL US NOTE (AND MENTIONED AGAIN IN REFTTEL

B) THAT PERU MUST CONCLUDE ITS NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH THE IAEA PRIOR TO ANY ACTUAL TRANSFER OF US MATERIAL FROM ARGENTINA TO PERU. THIS SHOULD BE COUPLED WITH RENEWED EXPRESSIONS OF OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO BEGIN A PROGRAM OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH PERU--ONE BASED ON MUTUALLY-SHARED NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO ADVISE PERUVIAN OFFICIALS THAT WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE A MODEL BILATERAL AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME, AND THAT US PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER DURING VISIT THIS WEEK. A DRAFT MODEL AGREEMENT IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING REVIEW, AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A COPY FOR THE GOP'S CONSIDERATION EARLY NEXT YEAR.

4. FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEW TEAM. YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSING EITHER THE PROPOSED QUADRIPARTITE ARRANGEMENT OR THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT DURING THE VISIT TO PERU. IF PRESSED BY PERUVIANS, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ISSUES ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON. TEAM SHOULD REAFFIRM US INTEREST IN NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH PERU AND OUR HOPE TO BE IN POSITION TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE ON SUBJECT AGREEMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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